

Agenda Item 3

Consideration of the format of A Closer Look at Public Higher Education in South Carolina: Institutional Effectiveness, Accountability, and Performance, January 2003

Explanation:

The January 2003 edition of A Closer Look at Public Higher Education in South Carolina: Institutional Effectiveness, Accountability, and Performance is currently being prepared based on data submitted by the state's public colleges and universities. The proposed format is similar to that used in previous years. The contents are organized so that the material follows the critical success factors used in performance funding, with both institutional effectiveness data and performance funding data cited. The following is the table of contents:

Introduction
Section 1 – Mission Focus*
Section 2 – Quality of Faculty
Section 3 – Classroom Quality
Section 4 – Institutional Cooperation and Collaboration
Section 5 – Administrative Efficiency
Section 6 – Entrance Requirements
Section 7 – Graduates' Achievements
Section 8 – User-Friendliness of the Institution
Section 9 – Research Funding
Section 10 – Campus Based Assessment (Institutional Effectiveness Reports)*
Section 11 – Institutional Performance Ratings - Year 6 (2001-02) ratings affecting FY03 allocation

** These sections provide links to institutional materials posted on the Web.*

The 2003 edition will be produced and distributed electronically to the members of the General Assembly (as required) and to the institutions. It will also be available on the Commission on Higher Education's web page.

Data for the publication will be presented in a format similar to last year's A Closer Look, with charts and graphs used where possible to display data visually.

Currently, the Commission staff is reviewing data and writing the report. Institutional representatives will be asked to review an electronic draft of the report in order to catch errors and make technical corrections prior to publication. The final corrected version is scheduled for distribution before January 14, 2003, as required by law.

ACTION:

This is an informational item. If there is no objection from the committee, the staff will proceed with publication of the report following review by institutional representatives and corrections to the data.